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NEW CLOTHING COUPONS RELEASED -- Lidova Demokracie, No 64, 17 Mar 49

The Ministry of Internal Trade released 15 points for the purchase of textiles and shoes as of 14 March. Also, Coupon VI can be used to buy up to 10 crowns' worth of sewing necessities.

It has been assured that the shops will have enough goods to cover these new tickets.

WORKERS' WAGES HIGHER THAN PREWAR -- Lidova Demokracie, No 60, 12 Mar 49

According to health-insurance classifications, 75.7 percent of all workers earned less than 9,000 crowns per year, or 750 crowns per month, in 1937. Today only 29.5 percent earn less than 27,000 crowns per year, or 2,250 crowns per month. More than 50 percent earned more than 3,000 crowns per month in 1948, while only 11 percent earned more than 1,000 crowns per month in 1937.

This difference is even clearer in the case of women. In 1937, 98.5 percent of employed women received less than 750 crowns per month. A full 47.3 percent earned less than 250 crowns per month. In 1937 only 0.1 percent received more than 1,000 crowns per month, while in 1948 12.2 percent earned more than 3,000 crowns monthly. That means that the number of women in the highest wage class is 128 sig times as great as in 1937.

PREFABRICATED HOUSE IN PRAGUE -- Lidova Demokracie, No 72, 26 Mar 49

The Czechoslovak Construction Works recently erected an experimental one-family house. The iron and concrete sections have an outside wall on one side and insulating boards on the other. Mass-produced, this house would cost 300,000 crowns, complete with installations. In these tests a two-family house of the same type was built by seven workers in 13 days.

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